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Attorney Docket No.

01-2988 (05)

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Title

FRONT END APRON *

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 21]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure [] Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/271,462

Prior application information:

Examiner

Jason S. Morrow

Art Unit:

3612

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Divisional Application for the above-captioned prior application.

The enclosed Application entitled "FRONT END APRON ASSEMBLY FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE" is a division of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/271,462 entitled "MODULAR FRONT END FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE," now allowed, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/329,802, filed October 16, 2001, and entitled "MODULAR FRONT END FOR PASSENGER CARS AND

LIGHT TRUCKS, JOINING AN INTEGRATED DRIVE TRAIN MODULE, APRON-CUM ENERGY MODULE AND CRASH ENERGY MANAGEMENT MODULE TO AN INTEGRATED STRUCTURAL COWL." The aforementioned enumerated prior applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b), enclosed please find a copy of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/271,462, including a copy of the signed Declaration, as filed. Also enclosed is a new specification and drawings, identical to that of the prior application except for the title, cross reference to related applications and claims. Further to MPEP Section 201.06(c) and 37 CFR 1.53(b), rather than filing a preliminary amendment canceling claims 1-58 of the parent application and adding new claims, the enclosed Divisional Application includes only the desired set of claims, claims 1-20 directed to an apron assembly and method of assembling same.

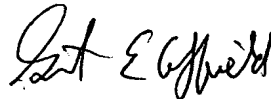
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